

Process for allocating elected candidates to the AIUK Board

1. How candidates may select which seats to be nominated for on the Board

1.1 Candidates may choose to be nominated to more than one seat on the Board where they are eligible to do so. For each category of director which the candidate is standing for, the relevant nomination form should be completed, and the correct number of proposers indicated.

1.2 In the eventuality of the exact number of candidates applying for the same number of vacant seats for only one category of director (e.g. exactly 2 local group candidates applying for 2 vacant local group seats) then these seats will be elected unopposed. This process will take place prior to the election for the remaining vacant seats. A statement indicating which seats have been elected unopposed and which candidates have filled these seats will be included in the ballot notes if an election is required for other vacant seats at the time.

2. Ballot papers allocated for members and groups

2.1 Each Member (as defined in the Articles) will receive a ballot paper.

2.2 Those paying the family membership subscription, however, will receive only one ballot paper between them.

2.3 Each Affiliate Group, Local Group, Student Group and Youth Group will receive one paper between them.

2.4 The voting order on the ballot paper is determined randomly, whereby the name of each candidate will be placed in a "hat" on folded pieces of paper and picked by the Returning Officer.

3. Process for casting votes on each ballot paper

3.1 Members simply pick their favourite candidates using the Single Transferrable Voting (STV) method. The calculations relating to this will be done automatically by an independent ballot organisation using standard STV voting formulae.

3.2 Members are able to select the number of candidates equivalent to the number of Board vacancies. Members indicate their votes, in order of preference, by marking the preference with the corresponding number. So, for example, a member's first preference will be marked with a '1', a member's second preference marked with a '2' and so on.

3.3 The maximum number of preferences a member will be permitted to select would be the same as the number of vacant seats. In the event that further preferences are indicated, any number over the number of vacant seats will automatically be disregarded when calculating the votes.

3.4 Each member or group will have specific voting rights depending on the capacity in which they are voting:

- (i) Individual Members and Family Members have one vote per member.
- (ii) Local Groups, Youth Groups and Student groups all have 10 votes.
- (iii) Affiliate Members also have 10 votes.

4. Total number of Reserved and Unreserved seats on the Board

4.1 Article 35.1 from the Amnesty International United Kingdom Section's Articles of Association states that "Up to 12 Elected Directors of which two shall be persons nominated by Local Groups, two shall be persons nominated by Networks, one shall be a member aged 18-23, and one shall be a Country Co-Ordinator provided always that no person may fill a place in more than one capacity".

4.2 Article 35.1 translates to the total number of seats being broken down as follows:

- Six unreserved seats
- Two reserved for local group nominated
- Two reserved for network nominated
- One reserved for a member aged 18-23
- One reserved for a country coordinator

4.3 Articles 37.1.2 states that "The name of each candidate and *the category of Director for which they have been nominated* shall be dispatched to each Member at least 49 days before the Declaration Date together with the ballot papers which shall be in such form as the Returning Officer may prescribe. The ballot papers completed in writing must be returned to the Office (or, if the Directors determine that it may be by electronic means, to an address prescribed by the Directors) by at least 21 days before the Declaration Date".

4.4 The category of director for which each nominee is standing shall be included in the ballot notes which are sent to the members. However, this will be reflected together with the election statements in the ballot notes and not on the ballot paper itself. It is for this reason that voters will simply select on the ballot paper which candidates they prefer. Allocation to each post will be done separately with a view to ensuring the most seats on the Board are filled by the most popular candidates until no posts remain vacant.

5. Allocating candidates to contested reserved and unreserved seats

5.1 In the event of having contested reserved seats, the candidate with the most votes applying for that reserved seat would take the seat. The other candidate would then go into the list of candidates for unreserved seats where they have opted to stand for an unreserved seat as well.

5.2 The order to which candidates are allocated will be as follows (subject to the number of Board vacancies):

- (i) **Seat reserved for member aged 18-23:** First, there shall be a count for votes of all those candidates who are applying for the seat reserved for a member aged 18-23. The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be elected and then that person no longer counted when considering other categories of director. Any applicant for this seat who has also opted to stand for a network seat or a local group or an unreserved seat and has not been selected for the 18-23 reserved seat will automatically be entered into the count for a network seat or a local group or an unreserved seat.
- (ii) **Country Co-ordinator Seat:** Second, there shall be a count for votes of all those candidates who are applying for the reserved country co-ordinator seat. The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be elected and then that person no longer counted when considering other categories of director. Any country co-ordinator who has opted to stand for a network seat or a local group or an unreserved

seat and has not been selected for the country co-ordinator seat will automatically be entered into the count for a network seat or a local group or an unreserved seat.

- (iii) **Network Seats:** Then votes of all those who are applying for reserved network seats will be counted. The two persons with the most votes are elected; those two persons are no longer counted. Any member nominated by a network who has opted to stand for a local group or unreserved seat and has not been selected for the network seat will automatically be entered into the count for a local group or unreserved seat.
- (iv) **Local Group Seats:** Next, there shall be a count of votes for all those candidates who are applying for reserved local group seats. The two persons with most votes are elected; those two persons are no longer counted. Any local group seat candidate who has opted to stand for an unreserved seat who has not been selected for the local group seat will automatically be entered into the count for an unreserved seat.
- (v) **Unreserved Seats:** Finally, a count of votes will be taken of all candidates who are applying for unreserved seats. This includes any candidate standing for a reserved seat who has not received the required number of votes to be elected for that reserved seat. The persons with most votes are elected.

5.3 In the event of a dead heat in the Board ballot, this shall be resolved using the process prescribed in Article 37.14. The dead heat shall be resolved first by agreement between the candidates and, failing that, by lot. The results of the election shall be announced on the Declaration Date and the ruling of the Returning Office with regard to the results shall be final.

5.4 In the interests of transparency and fairness, this allocation process will be made available at the request of any member who wishes to see it. All such requests should be made to the returning officer at returningofficer@amnesty.org.uk.

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